

Placement Statistics for All Children in Alaska OCS Out-of-home placement on October 31, 2008.

Out-of-home placement is the last option considered when reasonable efforts to protect a child in his or her own home have been exhausted by OCS. The first preference considered in all out-of-home placements for a child or youth is a relative's home. When it is not possible to place a child with a relative it is necessary to place the child in a licensed foster home. Residential care facilities may offer short-term emergency shelter as well as more long-term residential treatment.

Average Statistics of Children in Out-of-home placement on October 31, 2008, by Region.

	Anchorage	Northern	Southcentral	Southeast	Statewide
Count	870	324	675	200	2,069
Mean Age	7.1	7.8	8.7	9.1	7.9
Median Age	6.0	7.0	8.0	9.0	7.0
Minimum Placements	1	1	1	1	1
Maximum Placements	43	41	39	23	43
Mean Placements	4.4	4.7	4.3	4.2	4.4
Median Placements	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Minimum Time in Care	9	17	4	22	4
Maximum Time in Care	4,809	3,969	4,898	4,111	4,898
Mean Time in Care	730.7	589.5	740.3	713.5	710.1
Median Time in Care	532.5	349.0	549.0	555.0	511.0

Average Statistics of Children in Out-of-home placement on October 31, 2008, by Race.

	Native¹	White²	Other³	Und.	Statewide
Count	1,281	572	178	38	2,069
Mean Age	7.9	8.3	7.8	5.3	7.9
Median Age	7.0	8.0	7.5	3.0	7.0
Minimum Placements	1	1	1	1	1
Maximum Placements	43	28	35	14	43
Mean Placements	4.7	3.9	4.2	3.1	4.4
Median Placements	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.0	3.0
Minimum Time in Care	4	4	22	8	4
Maximum Time in Care	4,898	3,795	4,507	3,239	4,898
Mean Time in Care	713.0	732.8	682.7	397.6	710.1
Median Time in Care	498.0	553.0	555.0	256.5	511.0

¹ Native is any mention of Alaska Native or American Indian.

² White is White only, excluding all other races.

³ Other includes any mention of Asian, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, or Black/African American.

Mean is the arithmetic mean average, commonly referred to as the 'average'.

Median is the median average, containing the middle value. Half of the observations are less than this value, and half of the observations are greater than this value.

Placements are the number of times children in OCS Out of Home placement have changed homes.

Time in Care is measured in days.

Data Source: ORCA. Program used to tabulate statistics: monthlyreport.sas.

Data in this report is as of November 3, 2008. Subsequent reports with the same date parameter will contain up-dated statistics.

If you have any questions regarding this data please forward your inquiry to ocs@alaska.gov.